



## A refresher on transit insurance regulations

by Justin Dorsey

Countless steps are taken to try to prevent vehicle accidents, but they happen anyway. So it is important that your agency has proper insurance. This article reviews who enforces transit insurance regulations in Kansas and which agencies must follow them.

### Insurance regulations

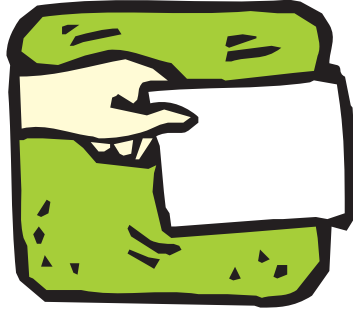
The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) requires that public and contract motor carriers transporting passengers within Kansas submit proof of proper insurance before being given a permit for service (KCC Motor Carrier Regulation 84-4-21.) A public motor carrier is an entity that transports passengers for hire in a motor vehicle (K.S.A. 66-1,108.) This includes Kansas non-profit agencies providing transit service. Insurance is required for all vehicles, regardless of passenger carrying capacity.

Some agencies do not need to provide proof of insurance to the KCC. These include Section 5307, 5310, and 5311 agencies as well as federal state and local government entities that operate transit services (K.S.A. 66-1,109j.)

If a public motor carrier has more than 25 motor vehicles registered under its name, it may qualify as a self-insurer through the Kansas Commissioner of Insurance.

### How to comply

Minimum liability insurance amounts as specified in K.S.A 66-1, 128 are: \$100,000 for injury or death to any



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one person in any one accident, \$300,000 for injury or death to two or more persons in any one accident, and \$50,000 for loss to property of others in any one accident.

For additional information contact Dale Moore at the KCC at (785) 271-3151 or visit their Web site at <http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/trans/index.htm>.

### Sources:

*Kansas Corporation Commission Motor Carrier Regulations.*

[http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/trans/mc\\_regs.pdf](http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/trans/mc_regs.pdf)

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## ¿Puedo ayudarle?

### Basic Spanish for transit employees

by Brandon Garrison

The Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA), which serves the communities from Aspen to Glenwood Springs, Colorado, decided that educating their drivers in basic Spanish would help increase communication between their drivers and the growing Spanish-speaking population. With grant money from the Colorado Department of Transportation, administrators at the RFTA worked with the Colorado Mountain College to create a booklet called *Basic Spanish for Transit*

*Employees*, and an accompanying video. To produce these resources, says John Filippone RFTA operations supervisor, "We used some of our Spanish-speaking employees, and some of their ESL teachers."

### The book

*Basic Spanish for Transit Employees* is a pocket-sized, laminated phrase book filled with common transit expressions in English and Spanish. According to the book, "employees can use these aids as a means to develop a working vocabulary of 'Bus Spanish'—unique phrasing for the transit workplace." Each phrase is

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